

FarStone SyncBee

Users' Guide

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Product Overview

FarStone SyncBee is a powerful and intuitive solution that lets you back up and sync your files with great ease. Just plug in FarStone SyncBee and start backing up and syncing your personal files with only a few clicks. There is no installation or reboot needed. This product is designed with tech novices in mind, so there are no more complex options or computer terminology to figure out. Users have the ability to backup or sync multiple computers with one SyncBee. With the latest USB 3.0 technology, SyncBee provides users with incredible convenience.

SyncBee can backup almost all kinds of files: music, video, document, etc. Users can add or remove file type to backup. New features added to SyncBee now. Incremental backup provides users more convenience, just backup changed files, save time and space on SyncBee. When restore files, users also can merge restore point to restore several points at the same time.

1.2 Features and Benefits

Plug & Play with No Installation

Plug in SyncBee™ for instant backup & sync

Easy to Use. Zero Learning Curve

- Plug and Play with Automatic Backup & Sync.
- No installation. No reboot. Does not change any registries or system files on your computer.
- Designed with tech novices in mind. Extremely easy to use.
- One-click backup and sync.
- One-way backup or two-way sync.
- Back up and sync multiple computers.

Auto Search & Categorization

Automatically search for and categorize your files.

Backup & Sync with a Few Clicks

Once Backup or Sync is selected, program will search for personal files automatically and categorize them based on file types. Locating files manually can be time-consuming, and our program will do it for you!

Multi-PC backup

SyncBee Can backup as many computers as you like, depending only on the available space on the SyncBee Backup Drive

Real-time File Sync

- Instantly sync your files among various computers to the latest versions. SyncBee can detect conflicts between file versions and take appropriate actions.
- After file sync is completed, all the files are still located in their original locations, so your work will not be disrupted.
- Sync your files among various computers so that you'll always have the most recent files on-the-go.

Password Protection

SyncBee has an effective and fast password protection feature, protecting users' data on SyncBee from unauthorized users. With this feature, users will not worry about privacy leak.

1.3 New Added Features

Incremental backup

Incremental backup feature is added to SyncBee as a new feature. Manually updates save disk images without ever leaving Windows. Incremental backup points log only the changes that have occurred since the last Complete Backup. Users can use this feature to do incremental backups and save time.

Sync Group

Users can create Sync Group to Sync data to PCs in this Group. In Sync Group interface, users can add or remove PCs in the group. If users want to save the same files on several PCs, just add these PCs in one Sync Group, when plug SyncBee on the computer in this group, the program will prompt user whether to sync data or not, click OK to sync or click cancel to exit.

Browse Contents in Backup Point

Except browse backup point, now users even can double click the file in the backup point to open it. In this way, users can check the file to restore more clearly. Or if user just want to restore a few files in one restoration point, but can tell files from each other, this feature is very helpful now. Just open files in the point to ensure which one to restore.

Merge Backup points

Users can merge multiple backup point as one. And when choose backup point to restore, users can just choose the merged one instead of restore backup points needed one by one.

1.4 System Requirement

Supported Operating Systems

- Windows Vista Series(32-bit & x64)
- Windows 2008 Series(32-bit & x64)
- Windows XP Series(32-bit & x64)
- Windows 2003 Series(32-bit & x64)
- Windows 2000 Series(32-bit & x64)
- Windows 7 Series(32-bit & x64)

CPU: Pentium-class processor or higher

- RAM: 512 MB
- Disk space: No installation required

Supported File Systems

- FAT16/32, NTFS

Chapter 2: Use FarStone SyncBee™USB Key

2.1 Enter SyncBee USB Key

When plug into USB, the main console will popup, now users can execute backup and sync. If the main console did not popup, users can enter “**My Computer**” to find the

icon of SyncBee. Double click the icon  to enter the main console.



Tip

Users plug USB into the computer for the first time, some messages may appear to ask you to choose from SyncBee, Disk Drive and CD-ROM Drive. You'd better leave it alone. And you will not see this message again next time when using SyncBee.

If SyncBee update is available, the program will prompt users. Click **Yes** to install.



Note

Users just can update SyncBee to the newest version of the same language.

2.2 SyncBee Main Console



Help: help on the top right corner, click it.

Choose **Registration** to visit our registry web page.

Choose **Check Upgrade** to check whether there is newer version.

Choose **Help** to open our help file.

Choose **About** to see the current version information.

2.3 Backup and Restore my computer

SyncBee provides users with an all-in-one solution to protect important photos, music, videos, projects etc..

With SyncBee, Users can backup and restore as many computers as they like. When plug it into a new computer, SyncBee will execute backup and restore according to users' order.

SyncBee backup many files types, including:

Pictures – including common graphic formats, JPG, JPE, ICO, GIF etc.

Music – including MID, MIDI, MP1, MP2, MP3, MPGA, etc.

Video – including AVI, ASF, MOV, MPEG, MPG, RM, RMVB, etc.

Document – including TXT, DOC, PPT, VSD, XLS, CSV, WPS, etc.

Financial – including BK0, BK1, BK2, BK3, BK4, BK5, BK8, D04, etc.

E-mail – including DBX, EML, MSG, OFT, PBX, PST, WAB, etc.

2.3.1 Backup my Computer

Users can backup many computers as they like with SyncBee. There is no need to install or configure anything on your computer, just plug in SyncBee USB, everything will work without extra efforts.

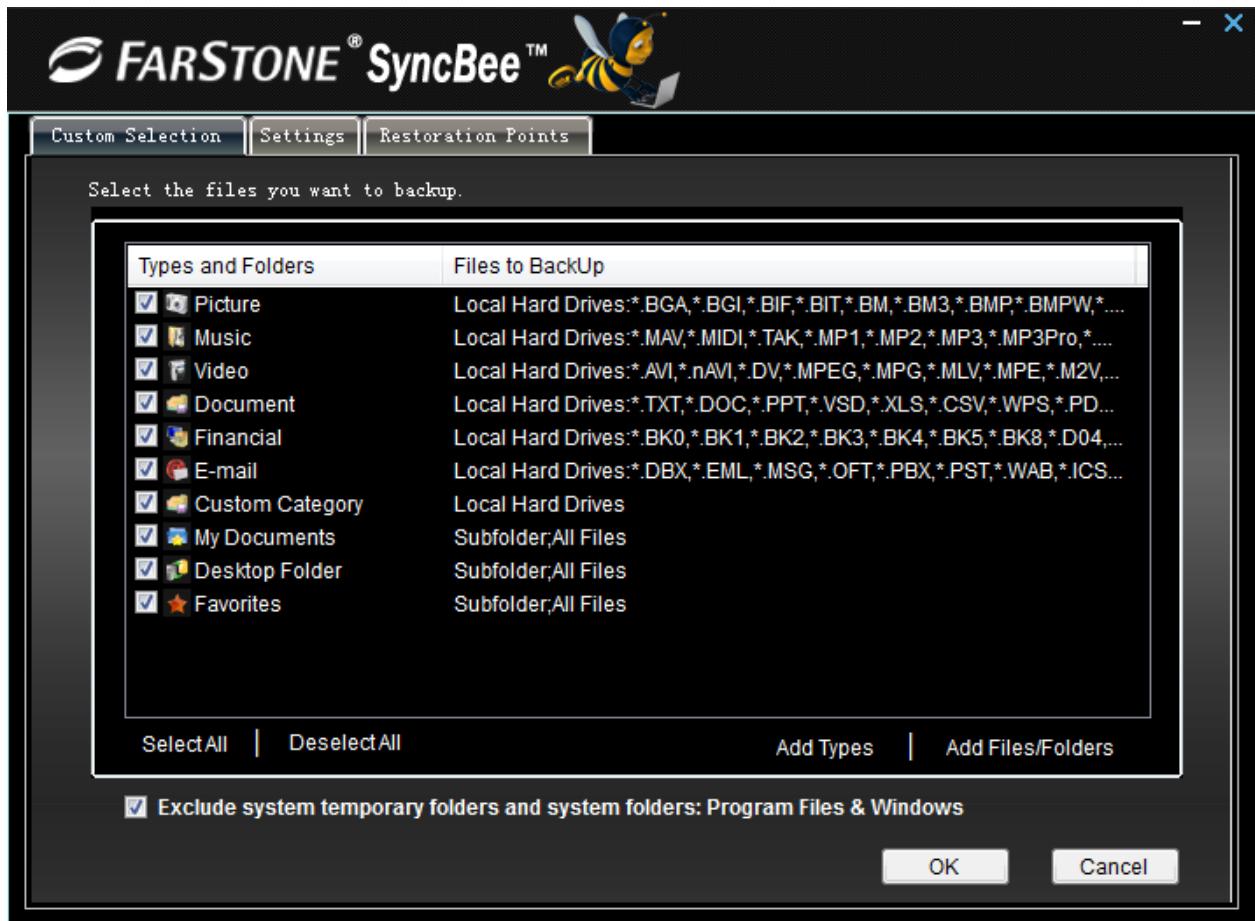
SyncBee protect users' computer from system crash, virus attack, manual mistake and other damages. If users lost important data unfortunately, they will feel luck to buy SyncBee to backup or Sync important files on USB. Users can find their files back with SyncBee.

When users use SyncBee for the first time, the program will take some time to search and category files automatically and then backup all files it finds. But use it next time, SyncBee will just backup the new or changed files and folders, so called incremental backup, so it will speedy.

2.3.1.1 Options

Click “**options**” on the main console. users will enter the following interface.

1. **Custom Selection**



a. Users can select types of folders to backup. All of the file types are selected by default. Users can choose types to backup, for example, Picture, Music, etc.. Choose a type, users just make sure the box to the left of the type is checked. If it isn't, click the box to check it. Users can add or remove file types by checking or unchecking the box.

If users want to backup file types which are not listed below, they can click "**Add File Types**" to add new type. All file types are checked by default. Users can uncheck certain type of files to remove file type to backup.

b. And If users want to backup files or folders which are not listed below, they can click "**Add Files/Folders**" to add new files and folders. When users add new file type or file/folder, they will be listed under custom selection. After add files or folders, users click backup now, the program will backup complete files and folders users select except for file type which are not checked in **options**.

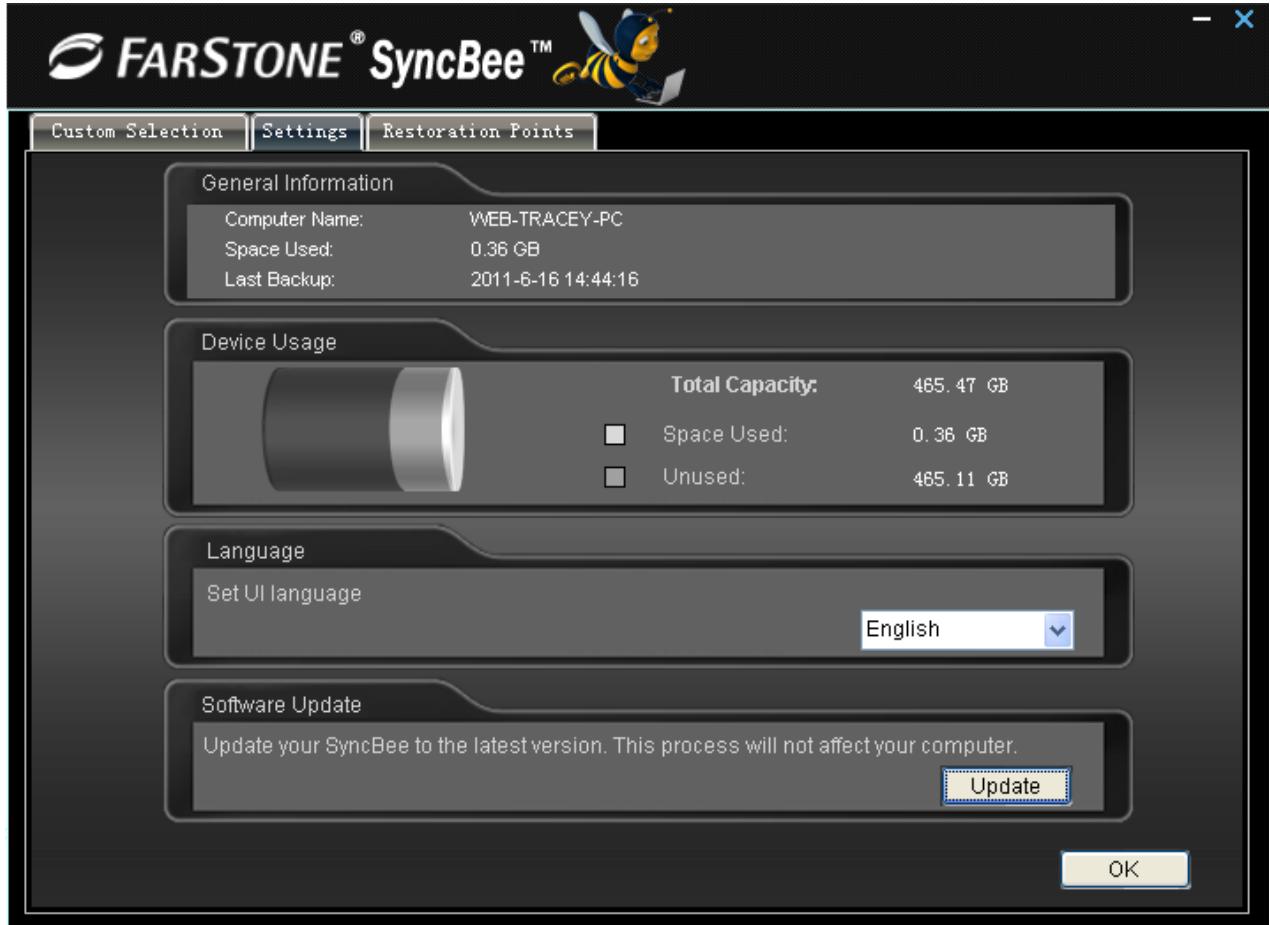


Note

At least, users should choose one type of file to backup. If users did not choose any type of file, SyncBee cannot execute backup command.

c. **Exclude system temporary folders and system folders** – to check this item, SyncBee will not backup system temporary folders and system folders even they are belong to what you select to backup. And uncheck it, SyncBee will backup all files selected.

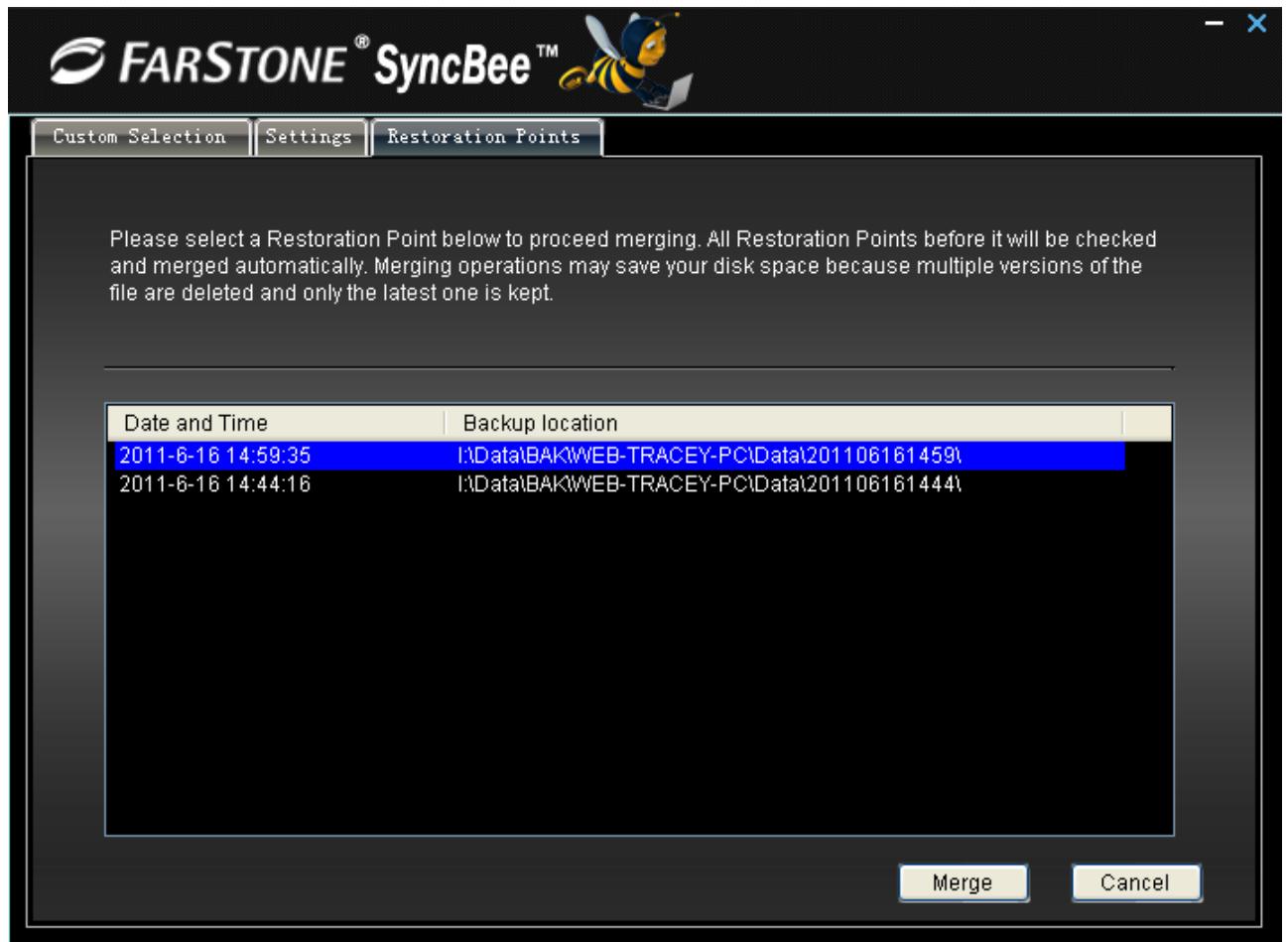
2. **Settings**



In this interface, users can see general information and device usage clearly. Users also can choose UI language and update SyncBee to the latest version.

Click **OK** to confirm all your choices in **Options**.

3. **Restoration Points**



In this sector, you can choose one restoration point and click **Merge** to combine the selected point with previous versions of files backup. If users backed up the same files several times, this feature can combine these several times into one.

2.3.1.2 Backup Now

After set **options**, Click **Backup Now** to begin backup process. If users have set options previously and you do not want change them, users can leave **options** alone and click **backup now** directly.

The program will search new files and backup computer.
Click **OK** to complete backup process.

An interface will popup to list information of files users backed-up. This information interface shows users how many files in each category were backed up this time, and the total number of files regarding each category. And the column of Spaced Used tell users each category files spend how many capacities of SyncBee USB Key. Click **Close** to close it . Backup files will be stored in a folder named Backup data in USB.



If files you select to backup is more than SyncBee free pace can store. The program will prompt that not enough disk or partition space.

Users need to modify backup selection before start backup process. We suggest users choose less file types or files to backup.

2.3.2 Restore my Computer

When computers come across unpredictable damages like system crash, virus attack, manual mistake and so on, users may lose important files on computers. But using SyncBee, users' important files are backed up and stored in SyncBee USB Key safely. And users can restore all important files which are backed up.

Click **Restore** on the main console. Carefully read the note and click **OK** to continue, click **Cancel** to exit.



Note

Restore your previously backed-up files and folders on SyncBee to your computer. If you have backed up data from multiple computer, Please choose the Computer Name which you want to restore; then select files and folders to be restored.

When users has not changed any options, SyncBee will restore all of the files that were backed up, and put them in the same folders on your computer that they were backed up from.

And if users do not need to restore all backed-up files, users can choose certain files to restore and restore files and folders to New desktop Folder, Original Location or Another Folder. Users also can browse files in backup points, double click the file to open it. In this way, you will not restore the wrong file any more.

Click **OK** to begin restore process. Click **Cancel** to exit.

When restore process completed, click **OK** to return main console.

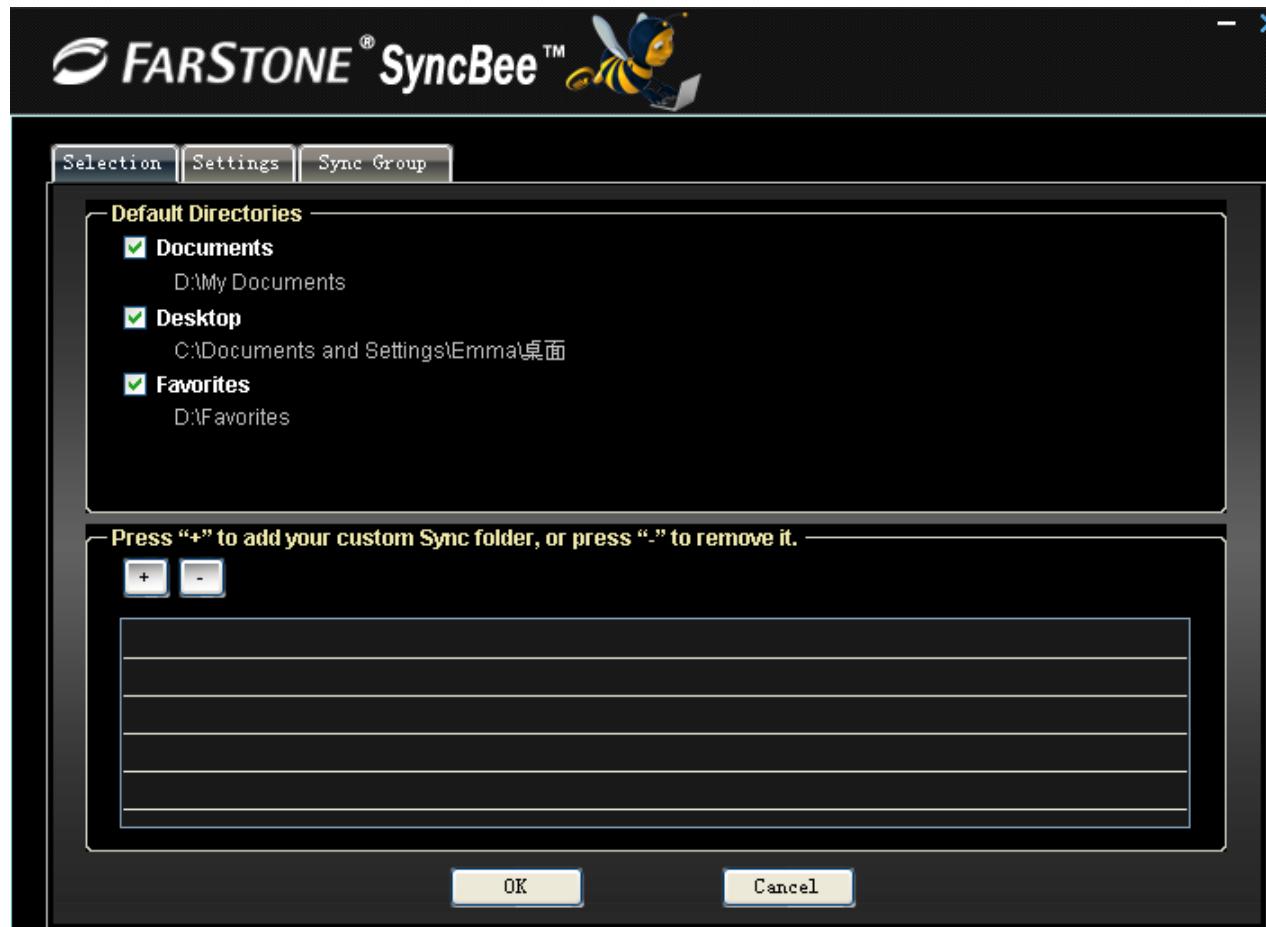
2.4 Sync my Computer

With SyncBee, users can sync personal files with only a few simple clicks. Once Sync is selected, program will search for personal files automatically and categorize them based on file types. Using SyncBee, Sync process is simple and fast!

2.4.1 Sync options

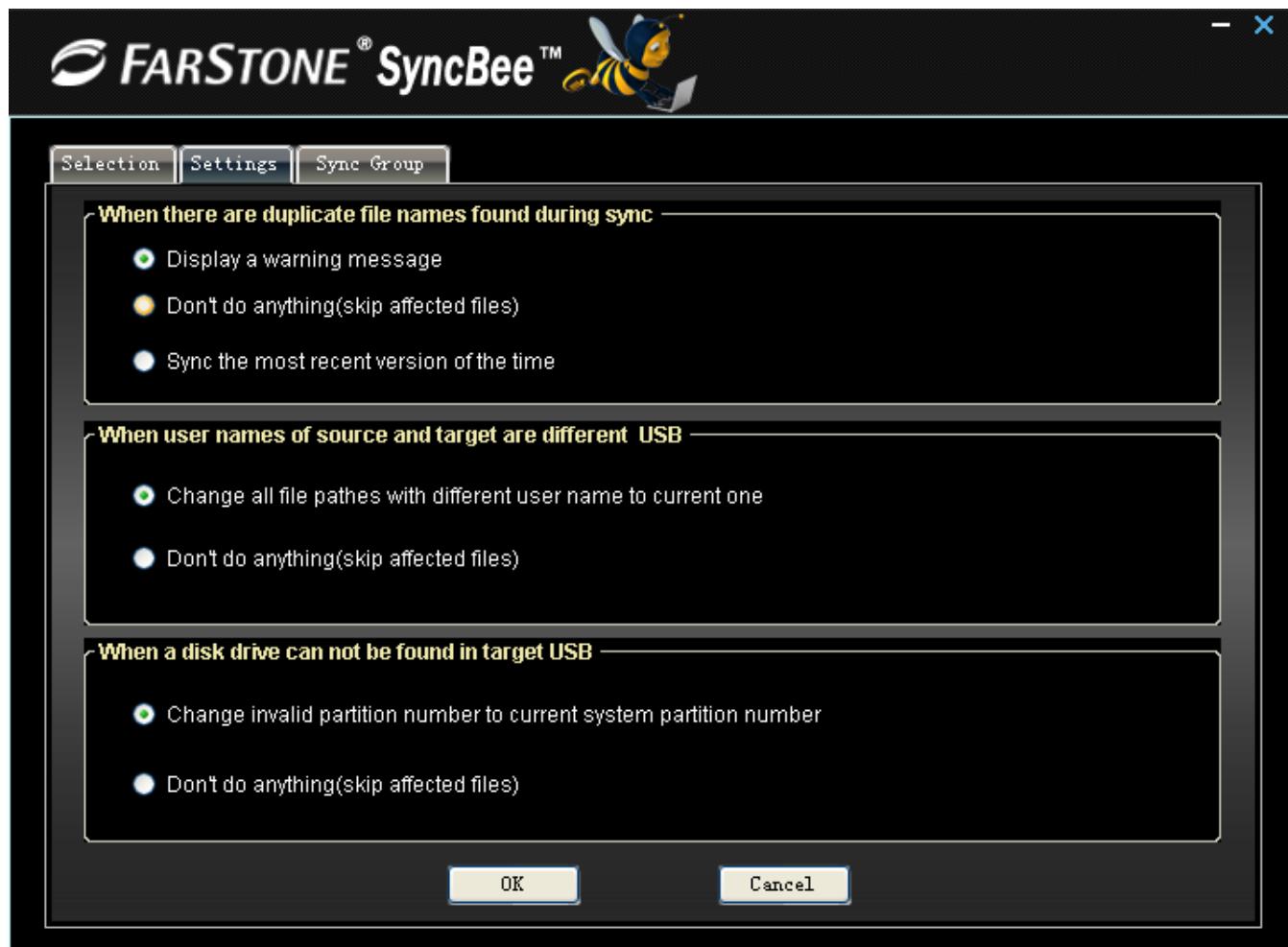
Click Sync options to enter following interface.

1. Selection



There are some default directories listed below. Users can choose them or press "+" to add custom Sync folder, press "-" to remove custom Sync folder.
Click **OK** to confirm selection or click **Cancel** to exit.

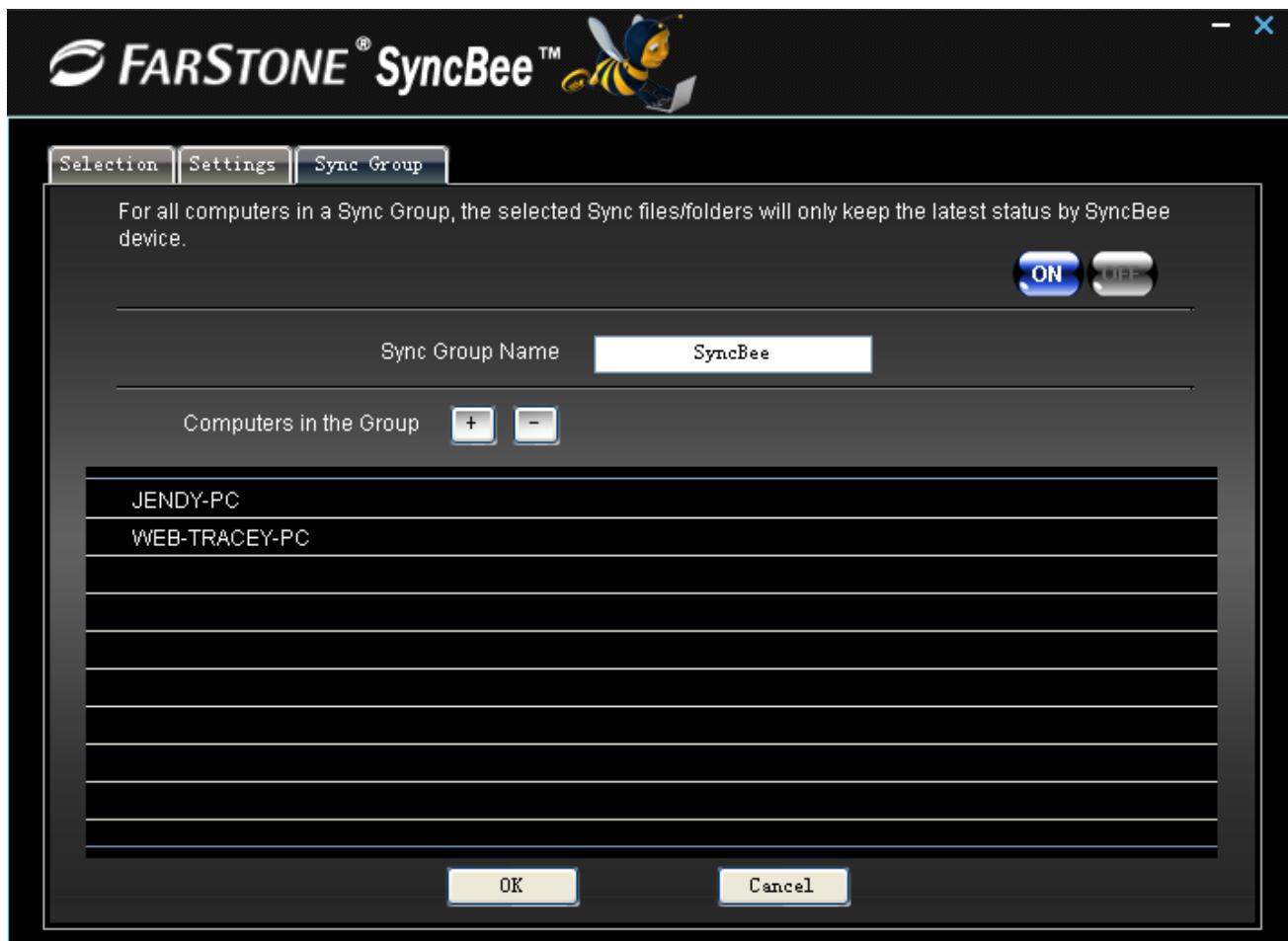
2. Settings



Set your Sync according to the description. Click **OK** to confirm settings or click **Cancel** to exit.

3. Sync Group

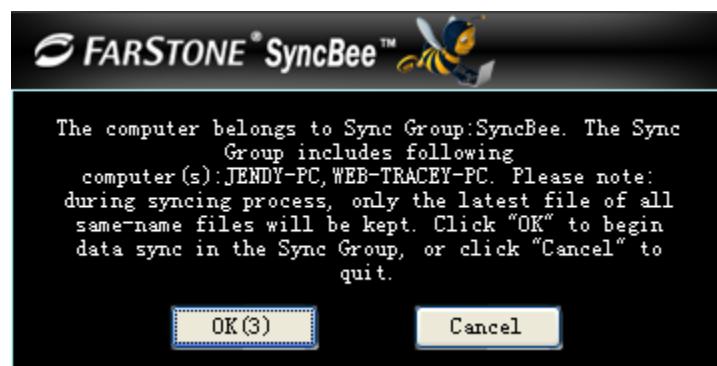
It is very convenient to sync files to several computers if these computers are in one sync group. If users have some files which need to store in several computers, then sync group feature is very helpful. Click **Sync Group** and enter following interface.



In this interface, you can revise Sync Group Name as you like, the default name of group is "SyncBee". Click "+" or "-" to add or remove computers in the group. Click "**OK**" to create the group.

You can choose ON/OFF to enable or disable Sync Group feature when sync data.

After you create Sync Group and add PCs to the Group, when other PCs which were belong to the group run SyncBee for the first time, the following interface will popup. Carefully read the note.



Click **OK** to begin data sync or click **Cancel** to quit.

2.4.2 Sync Now

Click **Sync Now** to begin Sync process.



Tip

Users need to choose Sync direction—two way synchronization, sync to USB or sync from USB according to their need.

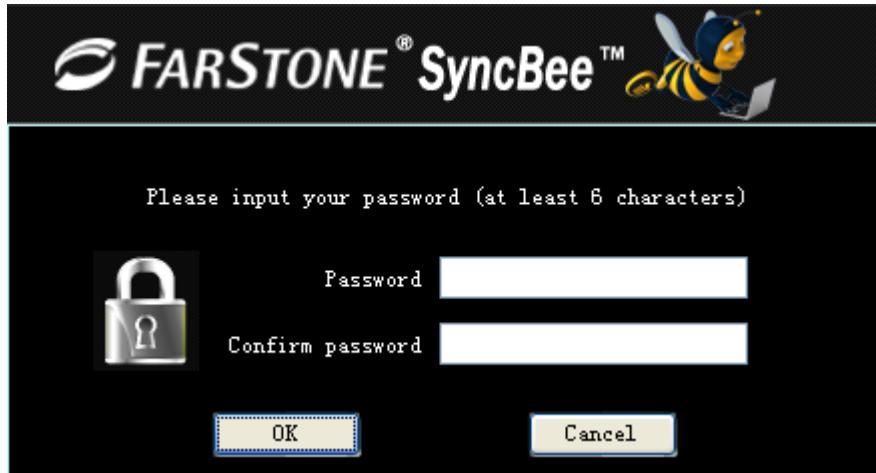
Click **previous** to back to previous step, click **start sync** to begin sync process, or click **cancel** to exit.

2.5 Set Password for SyncBee

Users may want to set authority for SyncBee.



Click this icon  on the main console to set password for SyncBee. Please input your password, at least 6 characters.



Enter password in the box and confirm it. Click **OK** to set password successfully. When users use SyncBee next time, the program will require password to use SyncBee. Please remember your password!

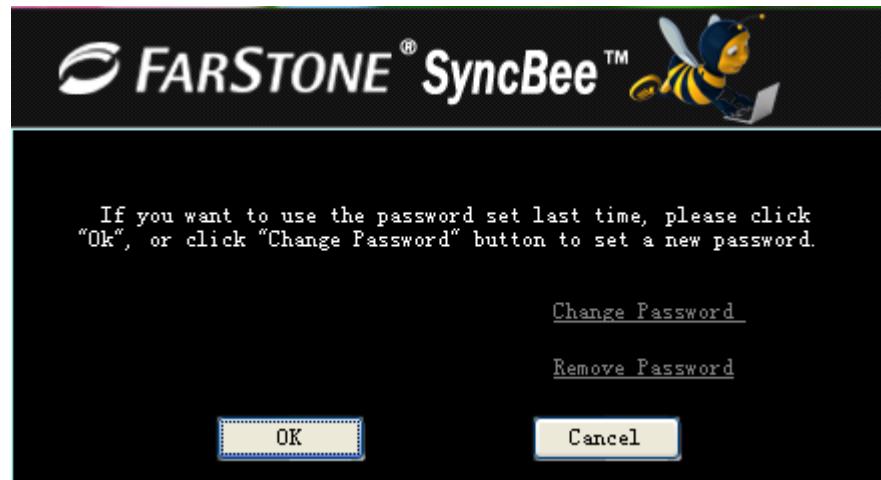


Note

After set password successfully, if users do not open main console and input correct password, users can not see backup data file in USB which used to store backup files. If users do not set password, backup data file can be seen properly.



If users want to change password, click this icon  again.



Click **OK** to input password again to enter main console, click **Cancel** to exit. Or click **Change Password** to reset password.

Click **Remove Password** to delete password. But you need to input current password first.

Chapter 3: Glossary

Backup and Restore

Important files can be lost due to damages to your hard drive or corruption by viruses. It can also be accidentally deleted or stolen. Backing up refers to making extra copies of data for safe keeping. Restoring refers to recovering the lost or corrupted files using the backed up data. Making a backup of your content simply copies the content from your computer to your SyncBee™ USB Key and does not delete any content from the computer's hard drive. Restoring your files from a backup simply copies it from your SyncBee™ USB Key to your computer, and does not delete any files from the SyncBee™ USB Key.

Sync

In order to protect important files, sync files to another hard drive or computer. In this way, even your current computer can not start or damaged completely, you also can find your data back, for you have sync your data.

Multiple PC backup

SyncBee can hold the backups for as many computers as you like, just limited by the available space on the SyncBee™ USB.

USB 3.0

New USB technology, transmission rate is faster than USB 2.0, but compatible with USB 2.0.

Chapter 4: Appendix

4.1 Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. When I plug SyncBee in computer, it does not run. What I can do to run SyncBee?

A: a. Make sure you plug SyncBee USB Key in properly.

b. Enter "My Computer" to double click SyncBee icon to run it.

Q2. What if there is not enough space to backup selected files?

A: we suggest you to set options again to reduce files to backup, or you can buy another SyncBee with larger capacity to backup your files.

Q3. How can I restore my files to another folder?

A: When you click restore on the main console, you will enter restore interface. There, you can choose restore files to original location, new desktop folder or another folder.

Q4. How long does it take to backup/restore files using SyncBee™ USB Key?

A: It depends on the amount of data you want to backup or restore. However, SyncBee's unique technology minimizes the amount of time it takes to backup files.

Q5. I have set password to SyncBee, but now I want to change password, how can I do it?



A: After entering the main console, click this icon again, then click **change password** to reset password.

Q6. Why I can not see my backups in the backup data folder?

A: Because you have set password for SyncBee. You run SyncBee and input correct password to enter main console. Now, you can see your backups.

Q7. I have more than one computer, can I use just one SyncBee to backup and sync?

A: SyncBee can backup and sync as many computers as you like, you are just limited by the free space of your SyncBee. SyncBee will identify each computer with special way, regardless of computer name, so it can be used in different computers.